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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA PRESENTATION REMARKS

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1. FOLLOWING IS RECOMMENDED TEXT OF REMARKS FOR USE BY  
AMBASSADOR NORLAND UPON PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS  
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14. ADVANCE COPY MAY BE TRANSMITTED  
TO GOB BY DEC 10 PER GOB REQUEST.

2. QUOTE: YOUR EXCELLENCY: IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR  
ME TO PRESENT TO YOU THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE ACCREDITING  
ME AS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA,  
AS WELL AS THE LETTERS OF RECALL OF MY PREDECESSOR,  
AMBASSADOR DAVID B. BOLEN. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO CONSULT WITH AMBASSADOR BOLEN PRIOR TO LEAVING  
WASHINGTON, AND I KNOW OF HIS HIGH PERSONAL REGARD FOR  
THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA, WITH WHOM HE  
SPENT TWO AND A HALF PLEASANT AND REWARDING YEARS.

2. QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS MY HAPPY DUTY, AS BOTSWANA

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BEGINS HER ELEVENTH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE, TO BRING YOU THE

ADMIRATION AND FRIENDSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

YOU KNOW THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS; IT IS MY HOPE, INDEED MY DETERMINATION, TO DIRECT MY BEST EFFORTS TOWARD MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING THIS RELATIONSHIP.

3. QUOTE: IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC NOT TO RECOGNIZE THAT I TAKE UP THIS ASSIGNMENT AT A TIME OF GREAT TURBULENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, A TIME IN WHICH THE PEOPLE AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF BOTSWANA MAY BE CALLED UPON TO REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THEIR DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS. MR. PRESIDENT, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES KNOW AND RESPECT THE FREEDOM AND EQUALITY OF BOTSWANA'S DEMOCRATIC AND NON-RACIAL SOCIETY. WE UNDERSTAND THE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POSITION OF BOTSWANA, AND WE ADMIRE THE COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR COUNTRY IN A MOST DIFFICULT PERIOD. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT WE CONTINUE FULLY TO SUPPORT BOTSWANA'S DEMOCRATIC COMMITMENT, AND HER LAUDABLE GOALS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE SHARE YOUR EXPECTATION THAT THE SECOND DECADE OF INDEPENDENCE WILL SEE AN ENERGETIC CONTINUATION OF THOSE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE DURING THE FIRST TEN YEARS.

4. QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED THE WARM FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP FOR BOTSWANA WHICH EXIST IN MY COUNTRY. IN MY BRIEF TIME HERE, I HAVE ALREADY LEARNED TO APPRECIATE THE HOSPITALITY AND OPENNESS OF YOUR FINE PEOPLE. I ANTICIPATE MY SOJOURN AMONG THEM WITH GREAT PLEASURE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN CONTINUING AND ENLARGING THE CORDIAL AND BENEFICIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTSWANA AND THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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